

# Delta Kappa Epsilon

**Delta Kappa Epsilon** (**ΔKE**), commonly known as ***DKE*** - or - ***Deke*** is one of the oldest fraternities in the United States, currently with fifty-six active chapters across North America. It was founded at Yale College in 1844 by fifteen sophomores who were discontent with the existing fraternity order on campus. The men established a fellowship where the candidate most favored was he who combined in the most equal proportions the Gentleman, the Scholar and the Jolly Good Fellow.

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## History

### Founding fathers

Delta Kappa Epsilon was founded on June 22, 1844,<sup>[1]</sup> in room number twelve in the corner of Old South Hall on the campus of Yale College in New Haven, Connecticut. The fifteen founders were:<sup>[1]</sup> William Woodruff Atwater, Dr. Edward Griffin Bartlett, Frederic Peter Bellinger, Jr., Henry Case, Colonel George Foote Chester, John Butler Conyngham, Thomas Isaac Franklin, William Walter Horton, The Honorable William Boyd Jacobs, Professor Edward VanSchoonhoven Kinsley, Chester Newell Righter, Dr. Elisha Bacon Shapleigh, Thomas DuBois Sherwood, Albert Everett Stetson, and Orson William Stow. At this meeting, the Fraternity's secret and open Greek mottos were devised, as were the lapel pin design and secret grip. The open motto becoming – "Kerothen Philoi Aei" – "Friends From The Heart, Forever."

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Founded	June 22, 1844 No. 12 Old South Hall, <u>Yale University</u> , <u>New Haven</u> , <u>Connecticut</u>
Type	Social
Affiliation	<u>NIC</u>
Scope	International
Motto	Κηροθεν Φίλοι Αει ( <i>Kērothen Philoi Aei</i> ; "Friends From The Heart, Forever")
Colors	<div><div><div></div><div>Azure (Blue/Navy)</div></div><div><div></div><div>Gold (Or)</div></div><div><div></div><div>Gules (Crimson)</div></div></div>
Symbol	Rampant Lion
Flag	
Publication	The Deke Quarterly
Philanthropy	Rampant Lion Foundation
Chapters	56
Nicknames	<i>DKE</i> , <i>Deke</i>
Headquarters	P.O. Box 8360 <u>Ann Arbor</u> , <u>Michigan</u> America
Website	<u>http://www.dke.org</u> (htt

## Active and pledge pins, banded flag

The ΔKE Flag consists of three bands of color: Azure (blue, truth), Champagne (gold, fidelity) and Gules (crimson, courage) with a *dexter* rampant lion in the middle band. ΔKE flags have been carried to the North Pole by its discoverer, Admiral Robert Peary and to the Moon by astronaut Alan Bean. Adorning the active pin are the Greek letters Δ K E etched downward, diagonally across an ivory scroll and centered atop an onyx diamond, encased in rope-textured gold trim and stars gracing each of the four corners. Active members' initials for their given name along with their number as initiated in chapter completes the active pin. Delta Kappa Epsilon pledges wear a triangle-shaped label pin with the same heraldic colors of Azure, Champagne & Crimson, with gold facing upward & always on collared shirts.

## Chapters

### Founding of chapters

Within five years of the founding of *Phi chapter* at Yale, chapters were installed at Bowdoin College, Princeton University, Colby College, Amherst College, Vanderbilt University and University of Alabama.

**October 16, 1844** - *Phi* adopted its chapter name; Sherwood begins chapter install at Bowdoin College.

**November 1, 1844** - *Theta chapter*, first members initiated; initiation fee was a dollar & fifty cents.

**September 15, 1845** - *Zeta chapter*, Princeton, only sixty-nine members initiated during brief initial existence (re-established in the 1980s).

**November 1, 1846** - *Sigma chapter*, Amherst, founded by Ledoux.

**December 23, 1946** - First ΔKE Convention, New Haven, Connecticut

Delta Kappa Epsilon's first West Coast chapter was founded at the University of California, Berkeley on Halloween night, 1876. The *Mu chapter* in Hamilton, New York at Colgate University is one of the few with a Temple, open only to DKE member initiates of the *Mu chapter*. The *Lambda chapter* at Kenyon College built the first fraternity lodge in 1854. Delta Kappa Epsilon became an international fraternity with the addition of the *Alpha Phi chapter* in 1898 at the University of Toronto, Canada.

Expansion to the United Kingdom had little success. Today, ΔKE chapters are located only in the United States and Canada.

Currently, Delta Kappa Epsilon has ten colonies, or associate chapters, that include Cornell University, Ithaca; Northeastern University, Boston; University of Colorado, Boulder; University of Mississippi, Oxford; University of Tennessee, Knoxville; University of Texas, Austin; University of Illinois Springfield; Vanderbilt University, Nashville; and Washington State University, Pullman.<sup>[2]</sup>

ΔKE has grown to fifty-six chapters and has initiated over 85,000 members across North America.



Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity House, DePauw University



The Cornell chapter house is a National and Ithaca Historic Landmark

## Southern influence

Despite traditionally selecting and installing ΔKE chapters along the Eastern Seaboard, ΔKE holds a strong reputation as a Southern fraternity; rightfully so, as two of the founding members were southerners. Between 1845 and 1846, thirteen of the thirty-eight active members of *Phi chapter* at Yale were southerners. Although Vanderbilt University, would not be founded until 1873, the *Gamma chapter* of ΔKE was founded in Nashville, twenty-five years prior, in 1847. Also that year, the *Psi chapter* at University of Alabama and then *Chi chapter* at Mississippi would firmly root Delta Kappa Epsilon as an institution steeped in southern heritage.

## Purpose of chapters

Community service is a major focus for each chapter of ΔKE, in addition to the social aspect that integrates collegiate academics with Greek system of fraternities and sororities. Chapters compete and are awarded equally on merits of leadership, chapter improvement and community service.<sup>[3]</sup> The Lion Trophy is awarded each year to the chapter with most notable achievements in each category. In 2016, the Lion Trophy was awarded to the *Rho chapter* at Lafayette College. In 2011, Lion Trophy winner was *Psi chapter* at the University of Alabama.<sup>[4]</sup> The chapter won this award in the wake of sponsoring a food drive to help relieve the Tuscaloosa communities devastated by tornadoes that year.<sup>[5]</sup> The 2012 winner of the Lion Trophy was the University of British Columbia, and in 2013, the Lion Trophy went to both the *Psi chapter* and the *Iota chapter* at Centre College

## The Delta Kappa Epsilon Club of New York

Members of Delta Kappa Epsilon who have completed their undergraduate education are eligible for membership in The Delta Kappa Epsilon Club of New York.<sup>[6]</sup> The DKE Club was founded on May 9, 1885,<sup>[7]</sup> occupying several different clubhouses throughout Midtown Manhattan<sup>[8]</sup> including 30 West 44th Street which it purchased from the Yale Club of New York City in 1916.<sup>[9]</sup> After renovations totaling \$75,000, the clubhouse opened in January 1917. However just nine years later the Club relocated again when it sold the building to the Army and Navy Club of New York.<sup>[10]</sup>



The Yale Club's main entrance on Vanderbilt Avenue, home of The Delta Kappa Epsilon Club of New York

Partially due to the Great Depression, in 1932, the DKE Club entered into an affiliation with the Yale Club of New York whereby members would have the same access to its clubhouse and facilities as the 11,000 members of the Yale Club itself.<sup>[11]</sup> Designed by James Gamble Rogers, the clubhouse is located at 50 Vanderbilt Avenue across from Grand Central Terminal. Upon opening its doors in 1915, the building became the largest clubhouse in the world and continues to be the largest college clubhouse in existence today.<sup>[12]</sup>

The club has often hosted dinners and other events for notable alumni members of the fraternity such as polar explorer Robert Peary (who took a Deke flag to the North Pole with him in 1909).<sup>[13]</sup>

## Notable members

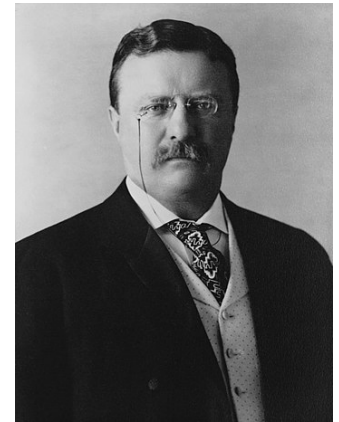
Delta Kappa Epsilon members have included five of forty-five of the Presidents of the United States.

### United States presidents

- Rutherford B. Hayes
- Theodore Roosevelt
- Gerald Ford

- [George H. W. Bush](#)
- [George W. Bush](#)

Franklin D. Roosevelt was a member of the *Alpha chapter* at Harvard and would be considered the sixth ΔKE to serve as President of the United States; however, the Harvard chapter was de-recognized by ΔKE International due to the chapter's stance on dual membership with other fraternities. In the election of 1876, the Republican Party chose between two ΔKE members, nominating Hayes rather than rival and fellow ΔKE, James G. Blaine. Blaine also ran unsuccessfully for President in 1884.



President [Theodore Roosevelt](#)

## Vice presidents

- [Dan Quayle](#), DePauw
- [Theodore Roosevelt](#), Harvard
- [Gerald Ford](#), Michigan
- [George H. W. Bush](#), Yale

## Other notable alumni

Many American and Canadian politicians, businessmen, sports figures, and artists have been members, including [Joe Paterno](#), [Herb Kelleher](#), [J.P. Morgan, Jr.](#), [William Randolph Hearst](#), [Cole Porter](#), [Brett Kavanaugh](#), [Ron DeSantis](#), [Bradley Palmer](#), [Henry Cabot Lodge](#), [Dick Clark](#), [Tom Landry](#), [David Milch](#), and [George Steinbrenner](#).<sup>[14]</sup> ΔKE flags were carried to the North Pole by its discoverer, Admiral Robert Peary and to the Moon by astronaut [Alan Bean](#). During the Civil War, the first Union officer killed in battle was ΔKE member [Theodore Winthrop](#) of Phi. The dying [Edwin S. Rogers](#) (Theta) of Maine was attended to by a Confederate Psi from Alabama, who observed the ΔKE pin and sent it to the family.<sup>[15]</sup> During the [Spanish–American War](#), the first American officer to be killed was a DKE member, Surgeon [John B. Gibbs](#) (*Phi Chi*). ΔKE member [J. Frank Aldritch](#) (*Psi Phi*) died when the [USS Maine](#) was sunk.

[Yung Wing](#), the first Chinese graduate from an American university in 1854, was a member of the *Phi chapter* of ΔKE. Later, his citizenship was revoked and he was denied reentry to the United States by the government of [Theodore Roosevelt](#), another member of ΔKE.

[Dave Calhoun](#), the current CEO of [Boeing](#) is a member of the *Sigma Alpha chapter* of ΔKE.

The late [Dick Clark](#) donated \$1 million to the Delta Kappa Epsilon Foundation of Central New York, which handles finances for the fraternity's Syracuse chapter.<sup>[16]</sup>

## Controversy

In 1846, one year after establishing the *Zeta chapter* at Princeton University and reportedly very unpopular with staff, the chapter was kicked off campus. The chapter was reinstated six years later, and again removed from campus and charter revoked. Only sixty-nine members were initiated during the chapter's brief existence.

On June 6, 1892, a pledge was led blindfolded through the street during his fraternity initiation towards Moriarty's Cafe, a popular student hang-out. He was told to run and did so at top speed. He ran into a sharp carriage pole, injuring himself. He was rendered unconscious, but the injury was not thought to be serious at the time. He suffered an intestinal rupture and died five days later of peritonitis.<sup>[17][18][19][20]</sup>

In 1967, *The New York Times* reported on "frat-branding", the alleged use of a hot branding iron to make a "Δ" shaped scar on new fraternity members. The Yale chapter's then-president [George W. Bush](#) stated that they were "only cigarette burns."<sup>[21]</sup>

In 1983, Yale University banned ΔKE activities allowing them to return a year later but off-campus.<sup>[22]</sup>

In New Orleans in 1987 dozens of ΔKE fraternity members marched in blackface in a parade in broad daylight.<sup>[23]</sup>

In 1989, Colgate University banned all ΔKE activities after the officials found members guilty of hazing, blackballing and other violations of university regulations.<sup>[24]</sup> In 2005 Colgate University barred ΔKE from campus for refusing to sell its house to the school and join a new student-residence initiative. ΔKE filed a lawsuit charging that the school violated its right to free association as well as antitrust laws by monopolizing the student housing market.<sup>[25]</sup> In 2006 the Supreme Court of Madison County found that the fraternity had failed to state a cause of action and that its claim was "time-barred."<sup>[26][27]</sup>

In 1989 Virginia Tech banned all ΔKE activities on campus and asked the national office to revoke its charter after reports of a racially tinged hazing incident during a pledge trip to Kenyon College in Ohio surfaced on campus. After the allegations emerged the Virginia Tech administration under President James D. McComas acted swiftly and terminated the registration of DKE and ended its affiliation with the university less than a week later. Allegedly a white ΔKE pledge had asked a black student at a Kenyon College party in Gambier, Ohio, if he could kiss her while another pledge photographed them. The pledge had been instructed to do something unusual during the trip and bring back photos to prove it. After friends of the woman learned of the incident, an argument ensued and the Virginia Tech pledges were escorted off the Kenyon College campus.<sup>[28]</sup> Its charter was not revoked and the DKE chapter continued to operate in its off campus house in Blacksburg despite the ban. Through the efforts of influential Virginia Tech DKE alumni and university donors, the chapter was ultimately re-instated in mid 90s.

In 1997, members of ΔKE at Loyola University New Orleans and Tulane University invited students to celebrate Martin Luther King's Birthday "with fried chicken from Popeye's, watermelon and a 'forty'."<sup>[29]</sup>

In December, 2008, the University of California, Berkeley suspended recognition of the local DKE chapter for alcohol, hazing and fire safety misconduct.<sup>[30]</sup> The chapter never closed, and continued without affiliation or oversight by UC Berkeley. The national office and the alumni association maintained their association with the local chapter. Four years later, the chapter opted not to reapply for recognition by the university and continued as an independent fraternity.<sup>[31]</sup> In May 2012, during a routine patrol of the campus, the chapter was visited by the County Vice Enforcement Team. Several citations were issued for under-age drinking.<sup>[32]</sup>

In October 2010, *Phi chapter* at Yale came under fire after its members shouted inflammatory and misogynistic chants at an Old Campus pledge ritual, including "No means yes. Yes means anal".<sup>[33]</sup> The chapter's president, Jordan Forney, apologized for the fraternity's conduct, characterizing it as a "lapse in judgment."<sup>[34]</sup> but Yale's feminist magazine *Broad Recognition* called for administrative action against the leadership of ΔKE. By October 24, 2010, Dean Mary Miller of Yale College had strongly recommended to the ΔKE National Executive Director, Dr. Douglas Lanpher, that the chapter at Yale be put on probation indefinitely.<sup>[35]</sup> Instead, on May 17, 2011, the chapter was suspended for five years.<sup>[36]</sup> The order barred ΔKE from conducting any activities on the Yale campus during that time.<sup>[37]</sup>

In January 2011, the ΔKE chapter at the University of Alberta had its student group status suspended for five years after hazing video surfaced of pledges being confined in a plywood box, forced to eat vomit, and deprived of sleep, by other fraternity members.<sup>[38]</sup>

In November 2014, a ΔKE colony in Edinburgh, since closed, had the minutes leaked from a meeting in March 2014 by the University of Edinburgh student newspaper, *The Student*. The minutes allegedly made reference to comments that joked about rape, sexual harassment, transphobia and hazing.<sup>[39]</sup> The story gained traction in both national and international media, being picked up by *The Independent*, *The Huffington Post*, and *Time* magazine.

In 2018 after Christine Blasey Ford accused Brett Kavanaugh of sexual assault an old photograph surfaced showing two members of ΔKE marching across the Yale campus, one carrying a flag made from women's underwear. Kavanaugh, who is not in the photograph, was a member of the fraternity when the photograph was



taken. One of the members told the student paper that the underwear was obtained consensually, but female classmates said their rooms were ransacked by ΔKE members while they were in class, saying they were "loud, entitled, pushy and creepy".<sup>[40]</sup>

In the spring of 2018, the ΔKE chapter at Virginia Tech had its student group status suspended for ten years after being found responsible for alcohol violations, hazing, interference with the student conduct process, and failure to observe rules and regulations while on deferred suspension. The *Sigma Alpha chapter* of DKE, the oldest fraternity at Virginia Tech, continues to operate but is not recognized by the university. The chapter is eligible to be re-instated in 2028.<sup>[41]</sup>

Following the fraternity's turbulent return to Yale University campus life in 2016, few female sports teams, and fewer sororities, agreed to mix with the *Phi chapter* of ΔKE.<sup>[40]</sup>

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- List of Delta Kappa Epsilon brothers
- List of Delta Kappa Epsilon chapters
- List of social fraternities and sororities

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# List of Delta Kappa Epsilon brothers

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The **list of Delta Kappa Epsilon brothers** (commonly referred to as Dekes) includes initiated and honorary members of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Delta Kappa Epsilon counts many political, business, sports, education, science, and arts leaders. Listed is a sample of some famous Dekes.

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## Presidents of the United States

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- 19th President, Rutherford B. Hayes, Delta Chi
- 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt, Alpha
- 38th President, Gerald R. Ford, Omicron
- 41st President, George H. W. Bush, Phi
- 43rd President, George W. Bush, Phi

Note:

- 32nd President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Alpha

Franklin D. Roosevelt was a member of the Alpha Chapter of DKE at Harvard and would be considered the sixth DKE brother to serve as President of the United States; however, the Harvard chapter was de-recognized by DKE International due to the chapter's stance on dual membership with other fraternities.

## Vice Presidents of the United States

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- [Theodore Roosevelt](#), Alpha
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- [George H. W. Bush](#), Phi
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## Justices of the United States Supreme Court

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- [Harold H. Burton](#), Theta
- [John Hessin Clarke](#), Beta Chi
- [Potter Stewart](#), Phi
- [Brett Kavanaugh](#), Phi

## Nobel Laureates

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- 2018 Nobel Laureate, [James P. Allison](#) Omega Chi

## Newspaper publishers and editors

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- [Norman Chandler](#), Sigma Rho, publisher, [Los Angeles Times](#)
- [Otis Chandler](#), Sigma Rho, publisher, [Los Angeles Times](#)
- [William Randolph Hearst](#), Alpha, publisher, [Hearst Newspapers](#)
- [Eugene Pulliam](#), Psi Phi, publisher, [Indianapolis Newspapers, Inc.](#)
- [Whitelaw Reid](#), Kappa, editor-in-chief, [New York Tribune](#)
- [Ogden Reid](#), Phi – [New York Tribune](#)
- [James C. Quayle](#), Psi Phi, chairman, [Huntington Newspapers, Inc](#)
- [Briton Hadden](#), Phi, co-founder of [Time Magazine](#)

## Agency heads

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- Rear Admiral [Sidney W. Souers](#), Kappa – first director of the [Central Intelligence Agency](#)
- [Sargent Shriver](#), Phi – Founder and first director of the [Peace Corps](#)

## Businessmen

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- [John F. Akers](#), Phi – past president of [IBM](#)
- [Frank Batten](#), Eta – founder [Weather Channel](#)
- [Edward Bausch](#), Beta Phi – [Bausch & Lomb Opticals](#)
- [Alfred R. Berkeley III](#) Eta – former [Nasdaq](#) president
- [Alfred Bloomingdale](#), Upsilon – founder of [Diners Club International](#)
- [Matthew Borden](#), Phi – Industrialist
- [Lawrence Bossidy](#), Mu – Chairman of [Honeywell](#)
- [Charles Sterling Bunnell](#), Phi – [CitiBank](#)
- [Dave Calhoun](#), Sigma Alpha – [Boeing](#)

- James Boorman Colgate, Mu – Colgate-Palmolive
- Donald Fisher, Theta Zeta – Founder and Past Chairman of Gap Inc.
- Theodore J. Forstmann, Phi – financier, subject of the book and movie Barbarians at the Gate: The Fall of RJR Nabisco
- James Gamble, Lambda – Procter & Gamble
- Rutherford P. Hayes, Delta Chi - Librarian and banker
- Webb Hayes, Delta Chi - co-founder of Union Carbide, Congressional Medal of Honor
- Walter Hoving, Upsilon – Tiffany & Co.
- Herb Kelleher, Gamma Phi – Southwest Airlines
- Robert Lehman, Phi – Lehman Brothers
- Craig McCaw, Sigma Rho – McCaw Communications, cellular telephones
- Bradley Palmer, Alpha - Founder of United Fruit Company, Gillette, and ITT
- John Pierpont Morgan, Jr., Alpha – financier
- Frederick W. Smith, Phi – FedEx
- William L. Trenholm, Delta – North American Trust Company, Comptroller of the Currency
- John Hay Whitney, Phi – New York Herald Tribune, Ambassador to England, art collector
- Joseph Wilson, Beta Phi – Xerox
- Dean Witter, Jr., Phi – Dean Witter Reynolds (Now part of Morgan Stanley)
- William Wrigley III, Phi – Wrigley Company
- August Belmont, Jr., Alpha – Belmont Racetrack

## Political figures

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- Dean G. Acheson, Phi – Secretary of State under Harry S. Truman, Architect of Cold War Foreign Policy
- Larz Anderson, Alpha – U.S. Ambassador to Japan and Belgium
- Robert Bacon, Alpha – US Secretary of State
- Nathaniel Banks, Sigma – Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
- Ron DeSantis, Phi – Governor of Florida (2019 - Present)
- Albert J. Beveridge, Psi Phi – U.S. Senator, Indiana
- James G. Blaine, Theta – Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, presidential candidate, United States Secretary of State under James Garfield and Chester Arthur.
- Matthew Butler, Delta – U.S. Senator, South Carolina 1877-1895
- Gaston Caperton, Beta – Governor of West Virginia 1989–1997
- John Chafee, Phi – Secretary of the Navy, Governor of Rhode Island, U.S. Senator
- Sutemi Chinda, Psi Phi – Secretary of State of the Empire of Japan (The Washington, D.C. Cherry trees were presented by him and his wife on behalf of the people of Japan in 1912)
- Chris Coons, Sigma – U.S. Senator, Delaware
- Royal S. Copeland, Omicron – U.S. Senator of New York 1923–1938
- Mark Dayton, Phi, U.S. Senator and Governor, Minnesota
- George A. Drew, Alpha Phi – Premier of Ontario, leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada, Leader of the Opposition
- Thomas F. Eagleton, Sigma – U.S. Democratic Senator Missouri, VP Candidate 1972
- Donald Ensenat, Phi – US Ambassador, Chief Of Protocol
- Keith Falconer Fletcher – Massachusetts legislator

- [Murphy J. "Mike" Foster](#), Zeta Zeta – two-term [Governor of Louisiana](#)
- [Justice George Alexander Gale](#) – former Chief Justice of [Ontario](#)
- [Asa Bird Gardiner](#) - [New York County District Attorney](#)
- [Gordon Gray](#), Beta – Assistant secretary of war under [Harry Truman](#)
- [Lister Hill](#), Psi – [U.S. Senator of Alabama](#) 1938–1969
- [Tony Knowles](#), Phi, two-term [Governor of Alaska](#)
- [Robert Todd Lincoln](#), Alpha – [Secretary of War](#), son of [Abraham Lincoln](#)
- [Bob Livingston](#), Tau Lambda – [United States House of Representatives](#), [Louisiana](#)
- [Henry Cabot Lodge](#), Alpha – [Senate Majority Leader](#)
- [Russell B. Long](#), Zeta Zeta – [Senate Majority Whip](#), Democrat from [Louisiana](#)
- [Nicholas Longworth](#), Alpha – [Speaker of the United States House of Representatives](#)
- [Donald S. MacDonald](#), former Canadian Minister of Finance, and High Commissioner to the [United Kingdom](#)
- [Mario García Menocal](#), Delta Chi – [President of the Republic of Cuba](#)
- [George Pataki](#), Phi, [Governor New York](#)
- [J. Danforth Quayle](#)- [Vice-President of the United States](#) (1989–1993), US Senator and Representative [Indiana](#)
- [Clark T. Randt, Jr.](#), Phi – longest-serving U.S. Ambassador of [China](#)
- [Peter F. Schabarum](#), Theta Zeta – American football player, member of [Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors](#) from 1972 to 1991
- [Don Siegelman](#), Psi, [Governor Alabama](#)
- [William Simon](#), Rho – [Secretary of the Treasury](#)
- [Ted Stevens](#), Theta Rho, U.S. Senator, [Senate Pro Tem](#), [Alaska](#)
- [Robert Taft, Jr.](#), Phi – [Republican Senator](#) from [Ohio](#), author of modern [Labor Law](#)
- [Richard W. Thompson](#) – Psi Phi – [Secretary of the Navy](#) 1877–1880
- [John De Witt Warner](#), Delta Chi – [United States House of Representatives](#), [New York](#)
- [Yung Wing](#), Phi – Chinese Diplomat to the United States. Founder of the [Chinese Educational Mission](#) in 1872.
- [Michael M. Wood](#), Phi – U.S. Ambassador to [Sweden](#)
- [Robert D. Orr](#), Phi - 45th [Governor of Indiana](#)

## Sports and entertainment

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- [Mike Babcock](#), Tau Alpha – Former Head Coach of the [Toronto Maple Leafs](#) and only coach in the [Triple Gold Club](#)
- [Jack Agrios](#), Delta Phi – Chairman of the [IAAF World Championships in Athletics Committee](#) 2001
- [Frankie Albert](#), Sigma Rho – football player, invented bootleg play, Coach [San Francisco 49ers](#)
- [William Bartholomay](#), Delta Epsilon – former owner of the [Atlanta Braves](#)
- [Sebastian Bea](#), Theta Zeta – Crew, Olympic Silver Medalist 2000 Men's Pair w/o Coxswain (2-)
- [August Belmont Jr.](#), Alpha - First president of the Jockey Club, building of Belmont Park racetrack, and breeder of Man O' War.
- [Roland Betts](#), Phi – US Olympic Committee, and founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Chelsea Piers, L.P., which operates the Chelsea Piers Sports and Entertainment Complex in [Manhattan](#).
- [Dana X. Bible](#) – College Football head coach at [University of Texas](#), [University of Nebraska-Lincoln](#), [Texas A&M](#), [Louisiana State](#) and [Mississippi College](#)

- Clinton W. Blume, Mu – pitcher New York Giants, 1922 World Series, President, Real Estate Board of New York, 1955
- Paul Brown, Kappa – Hall of Fame Football Coach & Founder of the Cleveland Browns and owner of the Cincinnati Bengals
- Walter Camp, Phi – Father of American Football
- Dick Clark, Phi Gamma – hosted American Bandstand
- Billy Crudup, Beta – actor
- Hugh Culverhouse, Psi – owner of Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Michael Eben – former Toronto Argonauts player
- James Elder, Alpha Phi – Olympic Gold Medalist Equestrian Team (1968)
- Marcus Giamatti – actor
- A. Bartlett Giamatti, Phi – Commissioner of Major League Baseball
- Harry Hamlin, Theta Zeta – actor
- Hagood Hardy – Pianist and Composer
- Lawren Harris, Alpha Phi, – Canadian artist and member of the Group of Seven
- Howard Hawks, Delta Chi – film director, producer and screenwriter
- Calvin Hill, Phi – Professional Football Player for the Dallas Cowboys, the Washington Redskins, and the Cleveland Browns
- Craig Hummer, Lambda – International Ironman champion (lifeguarding), sportscaster
- Charles Ives, Phi – composer
- Robert Trent Jones, Delta Chi – Famed Golf Course Designer
- Robert J. Kelleher, Epsilon – Hall of Fame tennis player and official
- Larry Kelley, Phi – 1936 Heisman Trophy winner
- Troy Kinney – artist
- Thomas W. Landry, Omega Chi – coach of Dallas Cowboys
- Angelo "Hank" Luisetti, Sigma Rho – one of the most famous college basketball players of all time
- Michael Macari, Epsilon Rho – Film Producer (The Ring)
- Tex McCrary, Phi, Radio/TV personality, led the recruitment of Dwight Eisenhower for President
- David Milch, Phi – writer and producer
- Frank Nesmith Parsons, Pi – Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court, 1902–1924
- Joe Paterno, Upsilon – Penn State football coach
- Bob Pettit, Zeta Zeta – National Basketball Association All star and hall of famer.
- Cole Porter, Phi – composer
- J. Burton Rix, Pi – Football and basketball coach at Texas, SMU, and Miami<sup>[1]</sup>
- Don Schollander, Phi – won four gold medals in swimming in the 1964 Summer Olympics
- Root Boy Slim, Phi – rock singer
- Dr. Charles Snelling – former Canadian Olympian
- George Steinbrenner, Epsilon – owner of the New York Yankees
- Matt Stover, Alpha Omega – placekicker in the National Football League
- Chris Strouth, Phi Epsilon – musician, producer, writer and filmmaker
- Pat Turner – former Canadian Olympian
- Richard Weinberger, Beta Tau – Olympian Long Distance Swimming Medalist
- Wheelock Whitney, Jr., Owner Minnesota Vikings and Minnesota Twins
- Jonathan Winters, Lambda – comedian and writer
- Josh Zuckerman, Zeta – Actor

## Other famous Dekes

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- Alan Bean, Omega Chi – Apollo astronaut, fourth man on the moon
- Edward Bellamy, Theta Chi – author
- Bruce D. Benson, Delta Chi - President University of Colorado
- Frederick H. Brooke, architect
- Dale Chihuly, Kappa Epsilon – glass artist
- Harvey Weir Cook, Psi Phi – Aviation pioneer, Indianapolis Airport named in his honor
- Melvil Dewey, Sigma – devised the Dewey Decimal System
- Charles Alton Ellis, Gamma Phi – designed the Golden Gate Bridge
- Gregory L. Fenves. Delta Chi - President, Emory University
- Prince Friso of Orange-Nassau, Theta Zeta – Second son of Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands
- Nathaniel Hawthorne, Theta – Author
- Paul M. Hebert, Zeta Zeta – Judge United States Military Tribunals in Nuremberg
- Stanley King, Sigma – Eleventh president of Amherst College from 1932 to 1946
- Peyton C. March, Rho<sup>[2]</sup> – American soldier and Chief of Staff of the United States Army from May 1918 through June 1921
- Robert E. Peary, Theta – first man to reach the North Pole
- Calvin Plimpton, Sigma – President of Amherst College and American University of Beirut
- Baron Hirai Seijirō, Psi Omega – President, Japanese Railways
- Oscar Tang, Phi – New York financier and philanthropist. Current Head of the Board of Trustees for Phillips Academy.
- Ming Tsai, Phi – Chinese-American fusion cuisine chef, restaurateur, and Emmy Award-winning television personality
- Jeme Tien Yow, Phi – Director of Chinese Railroads, Chinese (Qing Dynasty) Empire
- Ryan Serhant – New York real estate broker through Nest Seekers International. Also one of the stars of Million Dollar Listing New York

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